

**BROWN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 2, 2006**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 by Deputy Chairman Vandewarker.

PRESENT: Deputy Chairman Todd Vandewarker, Commission Members: Leon Blatt, Gary Abel, Joanne Potts, Pat Jacobson, Mike Frey; City Manager Clint Holmes, City Clerk Kelly Pavel.

ABSENT: Chairman Ken Brown, Art Potts, Jack Bell.

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Blatt, second by Commissioner Jacobson to accept the January 5, 2006 minutes as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Catholic Church plans – no update.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:

Gary Abel, 4237 Main Street, new coffee shop proposal. Abel gave explanation of handicap accessibility needed to meet current building codes at this commercial site. Discussion regarding when new sidewalks are poured (Streetscape Project) that all store fronts along this block be brought up to code regarding sidewalk heights. Abel is looking for a temporary handicap accessible solution until new Streetscape project is complete. Ramp will be removed when new sidewalks are constructed. Ramp would not be installed until approximately two days before store opening. Proposed opening is March 18, 2006.

Gary Abel also has a pre-application building permit for work to be done inside of his store i.e., plumbing, wiring, handicap-unisex bathroom work.

Moved by Commissioner Blatt, second by Commissioner Jacobson to approve the pre-application building permit for Gary & Pam Abel, 4237 Main Street for interior construction within commercial building. Abel-abstain. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner J. Potts, second by Commissioner Jacobson to allow a temporary obstruction of sidewalk for Gary & Pam Abel, 4237 Main Street, for the installation of a temporary handicap accessible ramp. Abel-abstain. Motion carried.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

St. Clair County has a one-day workshop for planning commission members. Anyone interested in attending please see City Manager. Workshop on 2-17-06.

City Council will be reviewing arsenic plant engineering plans. Is the Planning Commission interested in reviewing these plans? Commission consensus that they would like to review final plans. These final plans are due by 8-1-07.

City Manager provided update on the ditching project for Larry Bullock.

Moved by Commissioner J. Potts, second by Commissioner Abel to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Pavel
City Clerk